

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 and 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farkas et al. (US Patent 6,001,730) in view of Kaufman et al. (US Patent 6,063,306). The Applicant respectfully traverses. The cited references do not teach or render obvious all elements of the Applicant's invention. In particular, Farkas in view of Kaufman does not teach the element of independent claim 1 of "an oxidizer comprising $K_3Fe(CN)_6$." In contrast, Kaufman teaches the use of oxidizing agents that are inorganic or organic per-compounds. A per-compound is a compound containing at least one peroxy group (-O-O-). The Applicant's oxidizer $K_3Fe(CN)_6$ is not a per-compound. Farkas also fails to teach the use of an oxidizer comprising $K_3Fe(CN)_6$. Additionally, Farkas in view of Kaufman does not teach the element of independent claim 11 of "a sulfate getter." Both Farkas and Kaufman fail to teach a sulfate getter. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 11, and the claims that depend upon and incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 11, are not obvious in light of Farkas in view of Kaufman.